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Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 49/107 of 19 December 1994 on the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa, in which it requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its fiftieth session on the implementation of the resolution,

Stressing the renewed urgency for promoting industrialization as a key element in the development of developing countries and the essential role of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in that regard, as reaffirmed in the Declaration of the Eleventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Movement adopted on 20 October 1995, and the Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77, adopted at the nineteenth annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 on 29 September 1995, 1/ as well as in resolution AHG/Res. 5 (XXXI) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on 28 June 1995,

Recognizing the need for enhanced cooperation between African countries, the United Nations system and, in particular, other bilateral and multilateral financial institutions, as well as African regional and subregional organizations, in the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1/ A/50/518, annex.

Recognizing also the important role of industrialization in promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development in Africa in the context of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 2/

Recognizing further the importance of regional and subregional cooperation in the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade,

Taking note of the far-reaching implications of the fundamental developments in the international setting and environment for development cooperation, including the conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations and the declining availability of resources for development, for the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade and the need for concerted national and international action to enable African countries to cope with the challenges posed by recent trends in trade, resource flows and technology, among other things,

Emphasizing the continuing need for the mobilization of adequate resources through domestic and international initiatives for the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade,

Noting with appreciation the various regional and subregional initiatives and meetings that have taken place, including the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, held at Gaborone, Botswana from 6 to 8 June 1995, and the positive contribution made by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in convening and organizing industrial investment forums aimed at the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002); 3/

2. Calls upon African countries to enhance cooperation among themselves in the areas of industrial policy, institutional development, human resources development, technology and investment, and calls upon the international community to implement those efforts;

3. Requests the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the Organization of African Unity and all other partners in the development process, to continue to play an active role in the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade, bearing in mind the undertakings made in this regard in the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

4. Encourages African Governments to strengthen national committees for the Second Decade in order to monitor its implementation effectively and to

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2/ Resolution 46/151, annex, sect. II.

3/ A/50/487.

fashion appropriate policy responses to the challenges and the demands posed by changes in the domestic and international environment for industrialization;

5. Emphasizes the continuing need for technical and financial assistance from the United Nations system and from bilateral and multilateral sources to complement the efforts of African countries in achieving the objectives of the Second Decade;

6. Requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to facilitate the exchange of information among African Governments on activities carried out nationally in collaboration with the United Nations system and with the support of bilateral and multilateral partners in connection with the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade as a contribution to subsequent reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme;

7. Calls upon the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity to enhance their assistance for improving the competitiveness of the industrial sector in Africa in the light of the globalization of production and the growth of related trade, investment and technology flows;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with all the relevant organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, to submit a report on the implementation of the programme for the Second Decade as a contribution to the mid-term review, in 1996, of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.